REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-14, 16 and 19-22 are in the application for consideration.

- 1. The specification has been amended to specify the serial number of the co-pending, commonly assigned application referred to in paragraph [002].
- 2. Claims 4, 6, 7, 15, 17 and 18 have been canceled and claims 1 and 5 have been amended. In addition new claims 21 and 22 have been added.

The amendments made in claims 1 and 5 and the subject matter of new claims 21 and 22 do not introduce any new matter which is not supported by the application as originally filed.

It is believed that no fee is required for this amendment. However, in the event a fee is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 501739.

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